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TO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

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FOR AMBASSADOR HAYNES

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SECRETARY VANCE TO FOREIGN MINISTER
BOUTEFLIKA

1. THE LETTER FROM SECRETARY VANCE TO FOREIGN MINISTER
BOUTEFLIKA FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRESENTATION WAS SIGNED BY
THE SECRETARY ON JUNE 22. ORIGINAL IS BEING POUCHED TO
YOU. TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER: AS I INDICATED TO YOU DURING
OUR MEETING IN PARIS I HAVE TAKEN THE TIME SINCE MY RETURN
TO WASHINGTON TO REFLECT AT SOME LENGTH ON THE WESTERN
SAHARA PROBLEM. I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU THE CONCLU-
SIONS WHICH I HAVE REACHED.

3. FIRST OF ALL LET ME EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR YOUR
THOROUGH EXPOSITION OF THE ALGERIAN POSITION ON THE SAHARA.
YOU CAN BE ASSURED THAT WE ARE WELL AWARE OF YOUR CONCERNS
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AND WILL KEEP THEM IN MIND. HOWEVER, AFTER CONSIDERABLE
DELIBERATION WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW THE UNITED
STATES COULD PLAY A USEFUL ROLE IN ARRIVING AT A WORKABLE
SOLUTION IN THE SAHARA GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. WE REMAIN CONVINCED THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS
OF ALL CONCERNED THAT THE EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM

BE UNDERTAKEN ON A REGIONAL BASIS BY THOSE MOST DIRECTLY AFFECTED, POSSIBLY WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF APPROPRIATE REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. WE WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WESTERN SAHARA SITUATION CLOSELY AND WILL BE ALERT FOR ANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTRIBUTING TO A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM WHICH MAY ARISE.

5. I WANT TO TAKE THIS OCCASION TO REEMPHASIZE THAT WE ARE PLEASED AT THE POSITIVE DIRECTION IN WHICH OVERALL U.S.-ALGERIAN RELATIONS ARE NOW MOVING. AMBASSADOR MAOUT'S ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON IS AN AUSPICIOUS SYMBOL OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. WE ARE ESPECIALLY HAPPY WITH OUR EXPANDING RELATIONSHIP IN THE AREA OF CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS CHAPMAN RECENTLY HAD IN ALGIERS WILL LEAD IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO THE SIGNATURE OF A CULTURAL AGREEMENT.

6. IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WE REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT ON ALL MATTERS OF SIGNIFICANCE TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES, WHETHER OF A BILATERAL OR INTERNATIONAL NATURE. I HAVE ASKED AMBASSADOR HAYNES TO CARRY THIS MESSAGE FOR DELIVERY TO YOU PERSONALLY SO THAT HE MAY ESTABLISH UPON HIS ARRIVAL A DIRECT RELATIONSHIP THROUGH WHICH TO FACILITATE YOUR COMMUNICATION WITH ME ON

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MAJOR ISSUES.

7. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING WITH YOU AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. UNTIL THAT TIME I HOPE THAT YOU WILL FEEL FREE TO COMMUNICATE WITH ME THROUGH AMBASSADOR HAYNES OR AMBASSADOR MAOUI IN WASHINGTON WHENEVER THE NEED ARISES.

8. PLEASE ACCEPT MY BEST WISHES AND WARMEST REGARDS. SINCERELY, SIGNED CYRUS VANCE. END QUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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